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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Véronique HENRIOT et al  
Serial No.: 10/080,682  
Filed: February 15, 2002  
For: METHOD OF DETECTING AND CONTROLLING HYDRATE  
FORMATION AT ANY POINT OF A PIPE CARRYING  
MULTIPROSE PETROLEUM FLUIDS  
Art Unit: 1742  
Examiner: Brian J. Sines

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 19, 2003

Sir:

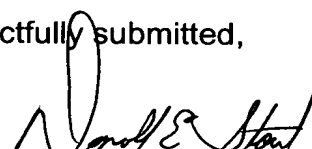
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of November 19, 2003.

Applicant elects to have claim 1 examined on the merits.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the  
Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135  
(612.41243X00).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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